

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-A-14-06

Issued at Ketchikan, Wednesday,
August 24, 2006

Effective 12:01 A.M. Thursday,
Date: August 24, 2006

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Thursday,
September 14, 2006, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens Ketchikan Creek to sport fishing from August 24 through September 14, 2006. It allows a bag and possession limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and two king salmon less than 28 inches in length. The bag and possession limit for all other salmon 16 inches or greater in length is two per day in aggregate, and two in possession. Only unbaited, single hook, artificial lures may be used. This emergency order is effective at 12:01 A.M. Thursday, August 24, 2006 through 11:59 P.M. September 14, 2006.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(i)(6)(B) are superseded and (E) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are in effect:

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(i) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(6) in Ketchikan Creek

(B) sport fishing is allowed from August 24 through September 14, 2006.

(E) the bag and possession limit for king salmon,

- (i) 28 inches or greater in length is two fish;
- (ii) less than 28 inches in length is two fish.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Kelly Reppert
Ketchikan Area
Assistant Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries granted the department emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when hatchery produced fish escape through existing fisheries to designated harvest areas in numbers that exceed brood stock needs or any natural spawning requirements. Salmon present in Ketchikan Creek as of August 16 are in excess of broodstock and escapement requirements.

The daily bag and possession limit for king salmon in Ketchikan Creek from August 22 through September 14 is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and two king salmon less than 28 inches in length. The daily bag and possession limit for all other salmon 16 inches or greater is two per day in aggregate, and two in possession.

Ketchikan Creek will remain open from September 15, 2006 through May 15, 2007, by regulation, for all species except king salmon. The bag limit for all other salmon (in combination) will remain at two fish per day and in possession, 16 inches or greater in length.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 215, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907) 225-2859.